

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	Frank G. Belmonte et al.	)	PATENT APPLICATION
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APPLICATION NO.:	10/713,660	)	Group Art Unit: 1625
CONFIRMATION NO.:	9847	)	
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**Amendment in Conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Filed under**  
**37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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The Applicants respectfully submit this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) so that the Amendment dated March 19, 2008 will be entered and to present the following amendments, remarks and arguments to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated April 18, 2008, in order to place the above-referenced application in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.